Sarah Cushing New Canaan Mother of five children After reading through the email about regionalization, I was sick to my stomach. Three years ago we moved for my husbands work. My husband and I researched and put much time into where to move on the east coast. It was a huge decision with five children, as you can imagine. We had the opportunity to move to DC, New York, Boston and New Jersey. We chose Connecticut for ONE reason-New Canaan! The schools and the community of New Canaan is the ONLY reason we live in Connecticut. I LOVE it!!! I always tell my husband that it is the best decision we have ever made for our children. My children are thriving and happy. I have a child who is delayed and the

school has been amazing. My children struggled when we moved because we knew no one. Now they say "we never want to move". I have been willing to pay the extra money it costs to live here for this reason. The New Canaan school system is wonderful and is the reason why we live here. I fear if this gets passed that we won't be willing to spend the money to stay, and MANY of our friends in the community feel the same. This will cause people that moved to New Canaan to leave indefinitely.